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Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002 (Paper No. 20), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

### In the claims:

Please replace claims 26 and 37 with the following amended forms thereof.

26. (Thrice amended) A composition for local administration comprising a second or third generation antidepressant, and a vehicle suitable for local administration, wherein the second or third generation antidepressant is selected from the group consisting of amoxapine, maprotiline, bupropion, mirtazapine, yenlafaxine, nefazodone and reboxetine.

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